

**METHOD FOR PROVIDING TEMPORARY ACCESS TO A
COMMONLY ACCESSIBLE COMPUTER PROCESSING SYSTEM**

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

There is furnished a method for providing an
individual temporary access to a commonly accessible
5 computer processing system (CA computer). The CA computer
has a plurality of application programs associated
therewith. The method includes the step of detecting the
coupling of a portable storage device to the CA computer.
10 The storage device has stored therein an access code for
indicating whether the user is authorized to temporarily
access the CA computer and information including computing
preferences of the individual. It is determined whether the
individual is authorized to temporarily access the CA
15 computer, based on the access code. The CA computer is
modified in accordance with the information stored in the
storage device and temporary access is provided to the CA
computer, when the individual is authorized to temporarily
access the CA computer. The activity of at least one of the
20 individual and the CA computer is monitored, until the
storage device is de-coupled from the CA computer. A bill

is generated based on the monitoring. The bill is automatically provided to a predetermined billing mechanism.